

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-12, 17, 19, and 23-29 are currently pending in the application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's voicemail of September 26, 2006, and the Examiner's time in conducting a telephone conference on October 2, 2006. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 24 in accordance with the telephone conference. Applicants understand that the amended claims have been deemed allowable, therefore Applicants respectfully request forwarding of the application on to issuance.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, Applicants request that the undersigned again be contacted for scheduling a telephone interview.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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